

Ho-Chunk members receive top votes in April 1 election



Ken Luchterhand Staff Writer

Five Ho-Chunk members ran for governmental seats in the April 1 election, and all were successful.

Carol Rockman, Nehomah Thundercloud, Wade Blackdeer, Levi Thunder and Bill Lowe all gained more votes than their challengers.

Carol Rockman will take the supervisor seat for District 11 of the Jackson County Board. She defeated Incumbent Supervisor Bill Cornell, who was seeking his bid for a sixth term in the election.

Rockman picked up 99 votes while Cornell received 28 votes, according to the results.

"The first order of recognition and thank you goes out to all voters and to the individuals administering the polls," Rockman said.

"My main area of interest is with the environment, our lands, clean water, and maintaining our parks for all Jackson County residents and recreationists," she said. "Working together as a community to preserve the environment for the health and safety of current and future generations is an essential component to

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Nehomah Thundercloud was the top vote-getter in a three-way race for two seats on the Black River Falls School Board.

Thundercloud, elected to her first public office, led the race with 990 votes, according to the results. Incumbent Laurel Meek, first elected in 2008, garnered 896 for another three-year term.

Incumbent Patricia Jacobson, who was appointed to the board in 2013, came up short with 857 votes.

"I am very thankful to the voters who have confidence in my ability to represent their voice on the school board, Thundercloud said.

'Many people have come up to me saying they were first time voters. That in itself is exciting. I look forward to learning more about the issues concerning Black River Falls schools and how the community can become involved," she said.

Wade Blackdeer will have the opportunity to join the Monroe County Board after he received the most write-in votes for the vacant District 7.



Wade Blackdeer

Blackdeer received 23 out of 40 write-in votes in the district formerly represented by Bob Retzlaff. Retzlaff did not run for re-election.

"Bob Retzlaff, who I consider a good friend, held the District 7 seat for many years," Blackdeer said.
"When he made the decision and announced he would not be seeking re-election he was sure someone would

replace him. It turned out no one from the district filed to be a candidate. He then asked me if I would consider being a write-in candidate and after a few calls from him regarding my decision, I told him I would.

"I have a great interest and have followed many of the issues the county is currently dealing with as it relates to the Justice Center, mining issues, among others. My goal is to represent the citizens of District 7 to the best of my abilities on all issues of their concern," Blackdeer said.

"In addition to the people who wrote my name in for the seat on the County Board, I especially want to thank Bob Retzlaff for actively campaigning within the district on my behalf. His support and confidence in me for the position on the County Board is greatly appreciated," he said.

Levi Thunder has been a member of the Fairchild Village Board for the last four years and he was up for re-election. His victory in the election was very decisive, having gained 45 votes out of 55 total votes cast for



Levi Thunder

er rates. They're high enough," Thunder said. "Also, I'm

"For

quite concerned with sand mine trucks and trains running through the village. In Merrillan, a train with frac sand was blocking traffic for an hour."

William Lowe defeated Jack Meegan for the seat on the Delton Town Board formerly held by Bob Fitcher, who died last year. Lowe received 153 votes while



The election victories by Nehomah Thundercloud and Carol Rockman were celebrated on Wednesday, April 2, with a congratulatory cake in the atrium of the Tribal Office Building.

Megan received 135. Gary Cummings who was unopposed for reelection received 264 votes.

"I wish to thank the voters for their confidence in me and look forward to working with the other four Town of

Delton board members. The Town of Delton in Sauk County is located West and South of Wiscon-William Lowe

sin Dells/ Lake

Delton; and extends to the Juneau county line on the North and South to the Highway 33/airport. The Nation's properties contained within the Town are Ho-Chunk Village, Wellness Center, Casino, Distribution center, and many other land parcels," he said.

"The core functions of the Town include road maintenance, fire and ambulance service, garbage service,

budgeting for services, taxing, and planning/zoning. With the development around the casino and along old highway 12 pending," Lowe said. "I look forward to contributing to the working relationship between the Nation and the Town.'

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RESPECT

Recently the TAU Board asked for space in the paper, so that the Elders could have some observations as to what is going on in the everyday lives of our tribe. We realize that times have/or are changing, however in order to retain our heritage and culture, it is important to try to retain some of our beliefs and principles that we grew up with. Therefore, I will be writing about RESPECT and how/what was instilled in me.

According to Webster/Roget's dictionaries, the meaning of respect is to feel or show esteem for, to show consideration for, courtesy, pay attention to. These are the things I feel are of great importance to us in our everyday lives, especially on how we treat each other. Showing respect is a basic LAW OF LIFE. There should be no room for jealousy or greed, for surely these are non-Indian traits.

In attending functions, I have noticed how remiss the young people are in treating our Elders. They tend to ignore them totally. I was taught to always give up your seat to an Elder so they may be comfortable. However, these able bodied and healthy youngsters continue to sit while the Elder is leaving on their crutches or cane and hanging on to their walkers. Indeed the least of their worries are: Does the Elder need any assistance of any kind? Do they want something to drink or eat? Do they need help to the bathroom? I am seventy-eight years young and I still give up my least to an Elder, because you see this would have never happened in my day. It would have been a totally embarrassing situation and deeply frowned upon by the other Elders, which is something you surely didn't want to happen.

Take them by their hand and help them. Put your arm around them to show them that you care. I was always told if you are good to people, you will get it back. Foremost and of great importance is that we did not have the privilege of talking back to our Elders. Whatever they said to us was to be taken into consideration, advisement and truly thought provoking. Nowadays, kids know everything and you surely can't tell them a darn thing.

Ai kee ru dee we rey-care for one another, this is something we should all live by every day, just to make us the best Nation.

Never speak to an Elder first. Unless you are asked to, you do not speak to an Elder unnecessarily, or in jest.

Whenever there is a ceremony going on, you do not sit and gossip. This is the time to pay attending and learn. If

you do not understand, then maybe you should make an effort to learn the language. This would be the time to meditate and pray. There are certain unwritten rules we live by, such as when you enter a ceremony, you don't just in there helter-skelter and walk around all over the place. There is a path in there. RE-SPECT other people's privacy. Be truthful at all times, do not speak negatively about others whether they are present or not. When someone is speaking, listen to them even though you may feel what they are saying is worthless.

Treat your guests with utmost honor and courtesy; give them the best you have. Human beings were created to help others.

The entire world around you that is living, all have a name. Remember Mother Earth and treat her with deep respect, just as you will with Grandmother Moon.

Respect our animal kingdom because they provide us with food and shelter, as well as the plant kingdom which provides us with food and countless medicines, the trees that provide us shelter and shade, all the minerals around us.

Know those things that lead to your overall wellbeing and things that may lead you to your destruction.

Listen to the words and deeds of your wise Elders and relatives, the guidance that was given to you, respect it. It's to come in many forms, such as dreams, moments of meditation, prayer and the words of wise Elders or relatives.

Respectfully submitted by;

Ruhi ahi [aka] Janette Smoke

Do you Feel Safe at Home?

Bills help domestic violence victims who can't answer "Yes"

Submitted by WI State Senator Kathleen Vinehout

"Do you feel safe at home?" the nurse asked the woman. The nurse was helping to identify and protect those who may be at risk for domestic violence.

One in three women will, at some time in her life, experience domestic violence.

Recent World Health Organization research confirms what earlier studies found: worldwide one in three women are physically or sexually assaulted by a current or former partner. Experts advocate for screening questions, like the one above, and training to recognize domestic violence for health workers and law enforcement officers.

Wisconsin law enforcement officials are trained to recognize and respond to domestic violence. Many officers tell me domestic violence situations remain their most common call and are difficult to resolve.

Lawmakers recently passed several bills aimed at protecting victims of domestic violence, standardizing the actions of law enforcement and the courts and bringing perpetrators to justice. One change for law enforcement is a requirement to refer domestic violence victims to shelters and make sure the victim knows about and can get help from a victim advocate.

In many domestic violence situations both adults and children are victims. Testimony by advocates during an Assembly hearing reminded lawmakers "about half of men who abuse their female partner will also abuse their children." Changes were needed to protect victims, including children.

Protecting children includes protecting their privacy. Legislative changes will close the courtroom during restraining order hearings for children, and keep child victim records off CCAP - the court's public Internet record and other measures to protect victim confidentiality, including children. The legislation also protects the non-offending parent from the legal expenses of the court appointed child advocate known as the guardian ad litem.

This new legislation also makes it clear that restraining orders stop all contact between the abuser and the victim, including stalking behavior

Sometimes the law or court processes actually put victims at risk. These parts of the law were changed: victims no longer are required to notify the abuser if a restraining order is extended – the court will now do this. Also privacy is protected for those who must change their name.

Sometimes when the perpetrator requests a new judge the restraining order protecting the victim became invalid. The new legislation will make sure this does not happen.

Nearly 20 years ago Wisconsin passed laws protecting victims of domestic violence by requiring the abuser to surrender firearms. But advocates tell me many courts never checked up on whether or not perpetrators actually surrendered firearms.

New legislation sets out a process by which individuals subject to a restraining order must surrender firearms. The legislation came about because of domestic crimes committed by those who illegally possessed a firearm.

Work began on this proposal in 2008 when the Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse discovered that while state and federal law required action only 12 Wisconsin counties had policies in place to actively ensure that abusers followed the law.

The legislation followed the procedures developed through a pilot project in four Wisconsin counties. This successful project showed lawmakers common sense procedures could be developed that were effective and inexpensive. The state's chief judges endorsed the bill as a best practice approach to resolving the problem.

These bills, SB 160, AB 464 and AB 176, passed both houses with strong bipartisan support and now await the governor's signature.

We can work to change our culture and end domestic abuse. We can treat each other with respect and teach respect and nonviolent conflict resolution to our children. We can also tell those at risk about available resources. Wisconsin invested in a statewide system of shelters and advocates helping when abuse happens.

Reach out to those who need help and let them know shelters and advocates are available throughout Wisconsin. In the Eau Claire, Buffalo and Jackson County call Boulton Refuge House at 1-855-526-5866; In La Crosse and Trempealeau call New Horizons at 608-791-2600. In Dunn and Pepin call Bridge to Hope at 715-235-9074. For other locations around the state call End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin at (608) 255-0539 or visit their website at https:// www.wcadv.org/gethelp

Small Business Think Tank set for April 29

Submitted by Tracy Thundercloud, Training and Development, Department of Labor

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor and First Nations Community Financial (CDFI) seek your comments, suggestions, and guidance regarding individual small business development within the Nation and its communities. There have been attempts to assist tribal membership with small businesses only to flounder due to the lack of support, capital, resources and trust.

Now the need to develop capacity in tribal membership is essential with the possibility of Section 17 and its application on and off trust land. A plan to develop a stronger small business development community using different assistance programs (i.e. jobs skills, training and advocacy) for our future and current tribal entrepreneurs can now be a reality.

We invite your presence to the inaugural meeting to develop and take part in meaningful dialogue to promote logically efficient small business ventures for tribal members. The meeting is scheduled for April 29th, 2014 at the Blue Wing Community Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Please RSVP if you plan on attending this inaugural meeting to Tracy Thundercloud (800.294.9343 ext. 1139). Your assistance is greatly appreciated in a strong future for Ho-Chunk Nation Small Business Development. The Department of Labor and First Nations Community Financial would like any suggestions to develop a survey using survey monkey in the next two weeks. Please phone or email us your questions to be asked of all tribal entrepreneurs and small business owners.

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Nutrition Facts panel gets a makeover

Submitted by Cassandra Steadman, RD, CD, Ho-Chunk Nation Nutritionist

The nutrition facts panel is a guide for consumers that has appeared on packaged foods for the past 20 years. It tells them the serving size, the amount of servings per package, the amount of calories per serving as well as the content of macronutrients (fat, protein and carbohydrates) and various other substances. such as fiber, vitamins and minerals. The panel breaks down the content of these by weight (i.e. grams) and by percentages, based on a 2000 calorie per day diet. So, if the panel already contains all of this information, why the makeover?

The proposed Nutrition Facts Panel (made-over version) has been suggested for multiple reasons. The newer version would require more appropriate serving sizes;



more in line with what people actually eat. This would make it easier for consumers to make sense of the nutrition facts panel in general. It also highlights some of the key parts of the label, such as calories and serving sizes. The new label also reflects what the latest scientific information shows about the relationship between diet and chronic diseases (such as obesity and heart disease). For example, the proposed label includes potassium and vitamin D, as these are two nutrients that many Americans are not getting enough of. Vitamin D is important to bone health, while potassium helps lower blood pressure. Both nutrients have many other functions in the body as well. The new label also requires the amount of added sugars to be included on the label. Additional changes can be seen when comparing the two labels.

Overall, the proposed nutrition facts panel is designed to "make it easier than ever for consumers to make better informed food choices, says Michael R. Taylor, the FDA's deputy commissioner for foods and veterinary med-

The proposed nutrition facts panel is open to public comment for 90 days (as of Feb. 27th, when the FDA released the proposal). If you would like to make a comment or ask questions, you can visit the website at the bottom of

Current Nutrition Facts Panel Nutrition Facts

Calories 230 Calories from Fat 40 % Daily Value Total Fat 80 Saturated Fat 1g Trans Fat 0g Cholesterol 0mg 0% Sodium 160ma Total Carbohydrate 37g 12% Dietary Fiber 4g 16% Sugars 1g Protein 3g Vitamin A 10% Vitamin C Calcium 20%

this article, or you can call the FDA at 888-INFO-FDA. For more information on how to use the nutrition facts panel

Proposed Nutrition Facts Panel

Nutrition Facts 8 servings per container Amount per 2/3 cup 230 **Calories** 12% Total Fat 8g Saturated Fat 1g Trans Fat 0g 0% Cholesterol 0mg 7% Sodium 160mg 12% Total Carbs 37g 14% Dietary Fiber 4g Sugars 1g Added Sugars 0g **Protein** 3g 10% Vitamin D 2mcg 20% Calcium 260 mg 45% Iron 8mg 5% Potassium 235 mg Footnote on Daily Values (DV) and calories

(proposed or current), please contact your registered dietitian (contact information below).

Making Yogurt

Submitted by Angela DeSmith, DTR, **CLC** Nutrition Education Assistant Nekoosa/ Wittenberg

Making your own foods can be rewarding, inexpensive, and produce delicious tasting foods. I find it worth the effort to make a weekly batch of homemade yogurt. Yogurt contains probiotics (beneficial bacteria) and several nutrients such as:

- ·Calcium
- ·Carbohydrate
- ·Protein
- ·Phosphorus
- ·Potassium ·Riboflavin
- ·Magnesium
- ·Vitamin B12

It is relatively low in calories, only 100-150 calories per serving for plain yogurt. Of course, there are some that contain added sugars which add more calories. If you make your own or purchase plain-then you have control of the sugar content. In addition, you can control some of the fat content as you can use fatfree, low fat, or whole milk. However, if you use lower fat milks then the yogurt tends to be thinner.

If you are lactose intolerant you might be able to tolerate yogurt since yogurt contains less lactose than milk. It might be worth giving it a try.

Looking at the cost of yogurt...it can range from \$0.69-1.49 for a 6 ounce container and 2.99-5.99 for a 32 ounce container. It comes out to about \$0.72-1.92 per one cup serving. If you make your own, after your initial batch, it cost approximately \$0.24 per one cup serving. It

can vary depending on how much you pay for milk. The savings can really add up over time.

To make your first batch you will need one cup of plain store bought yogurt and a half gallon of milk. Yield: 8 cups

- 2. Heat a half gallon of milk (180°) until it forms a thin film on top of the surface of the milk, just before it starts
- let cool to (110°), this is a bit warmer than room temperature.
- 4. Add the yogurt and milk together in a heavy pot with a lid. A Dutch kettle works well for holding heat. Optional- add 3-4 tablespoons nonfat powdered milk to add extra thickness.

6. Let sit for 12 hours or up to 24 hours if you prefer tart yogurt.
7. Store in the refrigerator.

Yogurt can be a healthy snack or part of a meal.

cinnamon.

1. Allow 1 cup plain yogurt to sit on the counter top to warm up to room temperature.

3. Remove from heat and

5. Place the container in a warm place. Cover with a heavy towel to help hold the heat, if you like.

Homemade yogurt will keep up to 21 days when refrigerated, however it typically becomes increasingly tart over time. If you are not fond of the tart flavor, add your preferred sweetener or fresh fruit after step 6 or just before eating. If you add it any time before step 6, it can interfere with the growth process and actually prevent the yogurt from firming up.

· Top with fruit, nuts, and

· Use in place of sour cream or mayonnaise. · Incorporate into sauces and desserts.

Don't forget to save one cup of yogurt for starting your next batch.

Enjoy!

Note: Regarding foodborne illness, it is recommended not to leave food out for over 4 hours at room temperature to prevent foodborne illness. However in this situation, as long as the milk has been heated to 180° and clean utensils and equipment are used then only the beneficial bacteria in the yogurt are left to grow. Take extra precautions not to contaminate the yogurt with unwanted bacteria. The finished product should be white in color. If



it has any tint of color then it has been contaminated with potentially harmful bacteria that are NOT safe to eat.

-Calorie amounts obtained from: MyPlate Super Tracker

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Ho-Chunk Nation observes Vietnam Veterans Day

Ken Luchterhand Staff Writer

In observance of the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Vietnam War, the Ho-Chunk Nation held its own Vietnam Veterans Day ceremonies around the state on Friday, March 28, with one of them held at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls.

To honor that service and sacrifice, the Ho-Chunk ceremony began with the presentation of the flags, followed by an invocation by Jeff Skinner.

Featured speaker was Norman Snake, who spoke about his service in the United States Navy from 1964 to 1968. He told the story about how he was determined to service his country.

Following his service in the Navy, Snake returned to civilian life with an Honorable Discharge and began working at various jobs in many different places. On one day, he

was ordered by his foreman to retrieve four items from a storage facility. When he was walking through the storage area, he heard the words, "Go home," in a deep voice. He looked around and saw no one. He took this as a sign to return to his Ho-Chunk roots.

Since he had been raised in a foster home with a Norwegian family, he always felt he had missed out on his culture, having been raised more as "Norman Nelson," instead of his true name, "Norman Snake."

So, when he heard the words telling him to go home, he went back to the Mission to visit with Ho-Chunk relatives. He sought the teachings and encouragement from relatives to learn what he had missed. He worked with youth programs so that he could learn the cultural things the youth were being taught. Now, he feels like he has come back to his roots and his

cultural way of living.

And part of that living is to honor the veterans who have served their time, and especially those who have died in the performance of their service.

"I am honored to raise flags for my brothers who have moved on," he said.

After Norman Snake's presentation, Ralph Snake took the podium to read the explanation of the Missing Man Table Ceremony that honors prisoners of war (POWs) and those Missing in Action (MIAs).

"The Missing Man Table is set to represent of all the veterans who are missing. The tablecloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to duty. The single red rose reminds us of the life of each of the missing, and their loved ones and friends who keep the faith, awaiting answers.

The vase is tied with a red



Norman Snake addresses the audience at the podium while the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 Color Guard stands at attention.

ribbon, a symbol of our continued determination to account for our missing," Snake said.

"A slice of lemon on the bread plate is to remind us of the bitter fate of those captured or missing in a foreign land. The spilled salt symbolized the tears endured by those missing and their families who seek answers. The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost from our country, founded as one nation, under God. The glass is inverted to symbolize their inability to share this day's toast. The chair is empty because they are missing," he said.



Vietnam Veteran's Day flag raising ceremonies

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, Senior Manager-PR/Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg/Nekoosa

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg held a Flag Raising Ceremony for Vietnam Veteran's Day on Saturday, March 29, 2014. Guests and the public were invited to attend the event. The Elderon VFW

Post 8068 and The Birnam-wood Legion – Darling-Gunderson Post 341 were present for the ceremony. The Lake Delton Singers were the host drum group. The guest speaker of the ceremony was Paul Cloud. There were approximately 100 people in attendance at the event.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoo-

sa also held a Flag Raising Ceremony on Saturday at 11:00am. The Joseph White Legion Post 442 completed the ceremony. The guest speaker was Jerry Krofta, 8th District Commander and Vietnam Veteran. The host drum group was Little Thunder. There were approximately 30 people in attendance.

Gaga basketball tournament held for Dells youth center fundraiser

Kathleen Roberts Staff Writer

With purses grasped tightly in their right hands, a required handicap for the men basketball players, the Dream Team was one of the first gaga teams to play. The Dream Team played strategically against the ladies' team, OOOh Kill 'Em. Justin Littlewolf made the first point of the tournament and early in the first half, the Dream Team took the lead 7-2. With numerous upsets, intercepts and a lot of stealing the ball, the score changed rapidly, almost faster than the cheering crowd could follow. Rather than watching strategic plays and the dynamic athletic ability of these teams, viewers were caught-up in seeing the players being caught-up in their floral print skirts.

After the first half, the Dream Team huddled up to discuss a better game plan. Meanwhile the real ladies warmed-up by running through basketball formation drills and shooting hoops. The Dream Team players included: Hayna (Brian) Powless, Justin Littlewolf, Dylan Funmaker, Larry Mike,

Bobby Clayton and Talon Powless. Lady, basketball players forming the Ooh, Kill 'Em team included: Tianna DeCora, Evelyn Funmaker, Erika Houghton, Justine Rasha, Cheyenne Mike and Neola Walker.

Event announcers were Youth Coordinator, Chuck Davis and parent, Gabriel Funmaker. They provided expert commentary on game plays and side-events. They also interjected amusing comments throughout games. However, when announcing the first game winners, their tone became serious. The Dream Team won the first game 20-4.

The second game included mixed gender teams, Gaga Xete and team Ho-Chunk Station. During this game, the players seemed to have an improved offense and guard coverage. Observers saw more effective strategies and results in the teams' effort to score.

Players in team, Gaga Xete: Emily Goodbear, Alycia Bear, Myshell Mike, Tama Greendeer, Isaac Pettibone, Dean Funmaker, and Maya WhiteEagle. Gaga Xete bounced by Ho-Chunk Station to win game two and go on to play against the Dream Team.

The final game, exhibited winning teams Dream Team and Gag Xete. The winning team of game three, would take the tournament championship. Mixed teams in the final round made the game more chaotic and entertaining. Maya WhiteEagle made several clutch free throws to help her team. Referees Jeremy Watson, home-school coordinator and parent Gabriel Funmaker, somehow missed calling fouls on players swinging purses to get the ball away. Toward the end of the championship game, players Larry and Myshell Mike engaged in sibling wrestling. The referees' reaction to them showing their sibling love was no big deal. Team Gaga Xete was victorious in the championship game with a score of

Tickets for prizes were sold all day to those attending the tournament. Lucky winners were awarded pizzas, gas cards, casino free play, and the grand prize, a Pendleton blanket donated by the Office of the President, was won by Ardis Funmaker. The biggest



Dream Team, led by MVP Brian "Hayna" Powless (left), gracefully walk across the court.

highlight of the tournament was the announcement of the most valuable players. Congratulations went to MVP's: Hayna (Brian) Powless of the Dream Team and Maya WhiteEagle of team Gaga Xete.

Center Director Melanie Goodbear explained the Gaga Basketball Tournament has been held before as a fundraising event for the Wisconsin Dells Youth Center. Melanie laughed and commented, "Did anyone notice how the men gaga players pulled up their skirts at the waistband, to improve their movement and speed on the basketball court?" No matter what team the audience was cheering for or who won the game, the gaga basketball players exhibited an entertaining and unique athletic event.

Solar panel installation workshop offers insight on sustainability

Ken Luchterhand Staff Writer

In an effort to migrate to more sustainable energy sources, the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency, Ho-Chunk Housing, and the Ho-Chunk Labor Department combined forces.

Maintenance crews from HHCDA and Ho-Chunk Housing joined together for a solar panel workshop at the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post building on April 1 and 2.

TERO Director Nicholas Kedrowski, of the Ho-Chunk Nation Labor Department, was responsible for the funding of the workshop through the 477 Program.

Jeff Hendricks of HCCDA has been attending Solar Academy classes at the Midwest Renewable Energy Association in Custer on weekends and will graduate in May.

Instructors from Midwest Renewable Energy Association, Clay Sterling and Matt Parks, offered information on how solar panels operate and how to maintain them.

"We have 49 units going up between now and June, so they will have to become familiar with the solar systems," Hendricks said. "Anything we build, we want to integrate some form of sustainable energy system into the new construction."

The first day of the workshop consisted mostly of classroom learning, while the second day included the setup of four solar panels into a rack in the parking lot. The panels were then connected in series to a board with switches, connectors and an inverter. A cord was plugged into the system and the other end was plugged into an outlet on the American Legion Building. The example showed how an actually system would work

"Because these units are going on our houses, the maintenance personnel need to know what to look for and what kinds of problems might occur," Hendricks said.

For instance, ultraviolet light is hard on plastic, so any wire insulation or plastic connectors are subject to aging in the sunlight.

The solar panels produce direct current (DC), so an inverter is needed in the system to convert the energy to alternating current (AC). In most instances, the current produced is placed back into the grid, meaning the routing system that delivers electricity from the power company. The electricity produced will help to reduce the amount bought from the power company, Sterling said.

In an ideal situation, if more electricity is produced overall than what is used from the



Corey Hindsley and Frank Thunder display one of the solar panels used during the demonstration.

power company, the amount produced by the panels will be going back into the system and the power company will end up owing the homeowner.

Another way to configure the system to go off-grid (not connected to any outside power source) by having the panels charge a bank of batteries and using that battery power to supply electricity to the home. The downside of that configuration is that batteries are expensive and need to be properly maintained, Sterling said.

In areas that have ample supplies of wind, and land, can add wind generation to the system for an added source of power. Such a setup is considered a hybrid system, combining two separate energy-generating systems.

For now, the green electrical

systems installed by HHC-DA will be solar panels tied into the electrical grid. But also Ho-Chunk houses have already been using solar hot water heaters on many of their houses for years.

Most average-sized house-holds use about 12,000 kilowatt hours (kwh) per year, or roughly an average of 1,000 kwh per month, although peak usage is frequently seasonal. To achieve that amount produced, 24 panels would have to be installed on each house.

"For the average homeowner buying such a system, it will take several years to recover the costs of the system," Hendricks said. "But then the system will allow natural energy to be produced be become more self-sufficient."



Crews from HHCDA and Ho-Chunk housing gathered on April 1 and 2 to learn all the specifics of solar panel installation and maintenance.

Chamber honors year's top business

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A local business and organization were honored earlier this week for their economic impact and service to the community.

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls was named the 2013 Business of the Year and the Jackson County Tavern League took the Customer Service of the Year award at the Black River Area Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner held Monday at Castle Hill Supper Club.

Ho-Chunk Gaming – BRF, which includes casino gaming, a hotel and food service, opened in the early 1990s as the former Majestic Pines Casino. It currently employs nearly 340 employees and also makes a point to contribute to local causes and organizations, like diabetes awareness and veterans' groups.

"Not only did they receive one nomination but they received two nominations from their peers in the community (for the award), which is always nice to see," said Chamber Executive Director Barb Brower before Monday's dinner. "They have done so much for the community with monetary donations and with support for events in the area.

"Not only are they one of the largest employers in the area – it's not just that – but it's just that they are very generous."

Ho-Chunk Gaming – BRF executive manager Greg Garvin said the organization is excited and honored to accept the award. It also proves the business' marketing efforts are paying off, he said.

"We're really excited about it," he said. "I think the benefits are there as far as getting the word out about Ho-Chunk Gaming and all the things we do with the community.

"We're really excited our efforts are being recognized."

Garvin also noted giving back is part of the Ho-Chunk tribe's history.

"If you look at the history of the tribe and specifically gaming, it really speaks to our ability not only for being able to sustain the Ho-Chunk people but our teachings have told us when we are in a position to do so, we also extend that to others," he said. "Being able to do that to the community at large actually

fulfills one of our teachings."

The Jackson County Tavern League, which has 48 member bars and restaurants and other affiliates, accepted this year's customer service award, largely because of their similar efforts to be involved in the community and give back, Brower said.

The organization also participates in its state parent organization's Safe Ride program, which gives patrons a free ride home from bars and taverns. The county's tavern league also completed its second annual coats for kids drive earlier this year and already is accepting donations for next year's drive.

The tavern league won the award by a large margin this year, Brower said.

"They are a non-profit organization that helps to support many needs in the community," she said. "It's not just the organization as a whole but it's also the tavern league member businesses. "They are a very generous group of business owners and help support the area, too, in their own businesses – not just through the tavern league."

Jackson County Tavern League president Ron Smith



Dennis Swigart of Burnstad's Market (left) presents this year's Chamber Business of the Year award to Greg Garvin, executive manager of Ho-Chunk Gaming -- Black River Falls.

said he also is honored the organization was recognized for its community efforts. He said it takes a strong organization effort – not just the efforts of individuals.

"It's just everything we do," he said. "The whole organization – all of the members get behind it," said Smith, who's been the organization's president for two years and owns Cozy Corner Tavern in Black River Falls.

"There's no one person – it's the group of all of us."

Last year Burnstad's Market was named the 2012 Business of the Year and Smiley Bear Design was honored with the Customer Service of the Year award. Representatives from each business were on hand to help present the awards to this year's recipients.

Elder Community Work Project marks one year

Submitted by Jean Stacy The Elder Community Work Project celebrated its one-year anniversary, on Friday April 4, 2014, with 17 out ning and Development gave a of 20 elder workers and three work-site supervisors. Carol Rockman of Plan-

presentation of the historical facts and timeline of the creation of the elder work pro-



Bottom row: Jean Stacy, ECWP Administrator, Hope Smith-Nekoosa Language Teacher. Amelia Ortiz-Chicago AlAl Arts and Crafts Instructor; Charlotte Tipton – Nekoosa Domestic Abuse Advocate; Connie Lonetree – Reedsburg Elite Elder Companion; Alvane King – Black River Falls Elite Elder Companion and Domestic Abuse Advocate; second Row: Joyce Warner – Mauston Language Instructor; Birdie Richter, ECWP Assistant; Nettie Kingsley – Rapids Arts and Craft Instructor; Christine Goodness – Work Site Supervisor Nekoosa Head Start; Arlene Shegonee - Nekoosa Headstart Classroom Aide; Lori Rieder Dells/Baraboo Language Instructor; Eileen Blackdeer – Social Services Assistant; Lona
 Decorah – Mauston Elite Elder Companion; Martina Littlewolf-Falcon- Personnel Assistant; last row: Darren Brinegar, Area 3 Representative, Ronald Anwash-Assistant Fleet; Levi Thunder- Fleet Assistant; Lori Pettibone, Area 1 Representative and James Lambert Work Site Supervisor Personnel. Not present for the photo are Sharon Whiterabbit, Wilma Thompson and Alma Miner.

Geraldine Swan celebrates her 83rd birthday

Ken Luchterhand Staff Writer

Geraldine "Geri" Swan celebrated her 83rd birthday on Wednesday, March 26, with a cake and ice cream at the Ho-chunk Nation Social Ser-

vices with many fellow clan mothers and Social Services workers in attendance.

Geri (her Ho-Chunk name is Pi-minuk) has been an integral part of the original Clan Mothers Program since its

inception in 2001.

She is a member of the Bear Clan and her cake was decorated in the Bear Clan colors of black, white and red. Geri and her husband Henry "Hank" are elders in their

The Clan Mothers Program began with three clan mothers but now has grown to include seven clan mothers, according to Myrtle Long, director of the Clan Mothers Program.

"We can now teach girls of all ages, now that we are funded by the Ho-Chunk Nation," Long said. "Previously we were funded by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services."

The Clan Mothers Program is important in the lives of the young ladies because often they don't know what clan they belong to or know their Ho-Chunk names, Long said.

"The age-old concept has been revived. It's the old teaching the young, especially the spiritual way of life. It's the part that the counties or state can't touch. It's the part that is missing."

gram and wrote the program design. Rep. Lori Pettibone and Rep. Darren Brinegar presented elder workers with a Certificate of Appreciation for one-year service in the Elder Community Work Project.

Also, Department of Personnel Executive Director Libby Fairchild spoke to the

A letter from President Jon Greendeer was read and presented to each elder worker. Pictures throughout the day were taken to record the historical event.

Several of the elders got up to give a presentation of their positions and discuss the special projects they are working on. They showed their co-workers their art work and discussed their accomplishments of their teachings of the Hocak language, culture and

traditions of our Ho-Chunk way of life.

The language teachers from Dells, Mauston and Nekoosa have provided sessions this past quarter to Head Start, school age children and youth and adult learner classes totally over 300 students. All stories were a delight to listen to.

Following a delicious meal at the Majestic Pines Buffet, a lengthy discussion followed with area Representatives from District 1 and District 3, concerning the future plans of the Elder Work Program. Each elder, supervisor and guests were given the opportunity to share their ideas, and vision for the future of this program.

Thank you to all the Elder Workers, "Job well done!"



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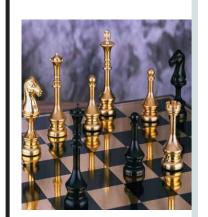
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Geraldine "Geri" Swan displays her bear birthday cake during her birthday celebration on March 26.

Chess Tournament



Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 Time: 6:00pm-8:30pm

District One Community Center

District One Community Center is sponsoring a Chess Tournament on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 starting at 6PM.

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Third Place: \$25.00

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Game of Life challenges youth to make real life decisions

Kathleen Roberts Staff Writer

On March 29, the Game of Life was held at Baraboo's House of Wellness. The game format simulated real life scenarios, challenging youth participants to make life changing decisions. Some important decisions presented to them were as follows: decide to attend college, how to manage per cap money, how to decide on a job, how to buy a vehicle, how to budget for daily living costs, entertainment, insurances, and how to deal with unexpected expenses. These and many more life experience challenges were given to participants to educate them with true to life

Curtis Redbird, life skills coordinator, began the event by welcoming youth participants, staff members and outside agency staff for being a part of the event. Redbird gave an overview of the day's activities and spoke about the philosophy and value of the game. He told participants they will be required to make important life choices during the game, just as they would in real life. He said, "Both negative and positive choices will be made while playing Game of Life." "When a student makes a positive decision he/she will succeed; if a negative decision is made, hopefully a lesson is learned

even from a mistake." Redbird reflected on his own life and how he and his family have learned to budget to make-ends-meet. He pointed out that life's decisions are educational and will be on-going. Following his presentation, Curtis introduced Lightning New Rider as the next speaker.

Lightning caught the audience's attention by speaking truthfully about growing-up in the village. He admitted he left the village as soon as he could. While attending college, he said he had made both negative and positive life choices. He told of changing his negative ways, once he met other natives. They helped him understand the importance of knowing their language, ceremonies and songs. They taught him to respect elders and Mother Earth. New Rider spoke of caring for elders and how families need to spend more time together. He said his grandmother and tega became ill. He cared for his grandmother, then his sister cared for her. Then he became his tega's care giver. New Rider said, "Love one another, walk in love and light; you'll have nothing to be afraid of." Later, youth participants Cheyenne Mike and Victoria Funmaker said New Rider's talk was very meaningful to them. After



Carolyn Blackdeer (left), Coatlzin Meza-Gardner and Elle Meza enjoy the Game of Life.

his talk, youth participants received folders containing game information to begin the activity.

Booths, manned by adult, life experience advisors were set-up in the middle and perimeter of the gym. A few of these stations included: 1st Nations Community Financial, I R S, other expenses, medical, insurance, higher education, U of W Baraboo, Madison Area Technical College, military, food, Kunu's Kool Kars, supportive services, living off per cap, employment and careers, court, jail, housing and public works, family services, and life skills.

The Game of Life drew the

attention and interest of a visiting teacher from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux tribe in Minnesota. Elle Meza, a college friend of Carolyn Blackdeer, and her daughter Coatlzin, observed and participated in the Game of Life in hopes to present the game to their community.

Youth finished balancing their check books, paid their insurance and/or court fees to wrap-up the day's activities. Game of Life participants then enjoyed rewards of receiving door prizes. Several participants received miscellaneous items in baskets. However, a Kindle and Fuji camera were the top giveaway prizes for the day.



Tristan Walker (left) and Eli Smith talk about diapers and baby food at the Game of Life.

Neenk Chunk Gra Headstart

During the month of March, our center celebrates "Diversity". We embrace and celebrate the different cultures we have in our school. Every week we learn and share our differences. For example, one week we focused on Native American, the next we learned about Mexico, and the next we learned about Poland. During the specific weeks, we made art projects, read stories, looked at pictures, shared some items from each cultures, learned to count, and if we were lucky, we had a parent from each culture come in and talk to our students. At the end of the month, we concluded with our annual Diversity lunch. Every family brought in a food

from their culture and shared it with our class and other families.

We try to do simple art projects that the students can complete themselves with little help from the teachers and staff. This year we made our own "medallions" out of recycled lids for Native American week. We painted the lids our favorite color, then we use our stamp pad to put our favorite animal on the front of our medallion, then we used beads to complete the necklace portion of it. Making these took about 3 days total to complete, but the children were very proud of their work and still wear their medallions to school on occasion.



Starting from bottom row left: Elise Leonard, Izaiah Quintanilla, Angel Wolfe, Olivia Stout, Xavier Hindsley, Middle row from left: Elijah Acevedo, Sayde Miranda, Bryan Powless, Brooklyn Cloud, Jada Davis, Solae Stanley Top row from left: Corey Hindsley, Adele Houghton, Jose Feliciano-Villa, Randi Greendeer, Eduardo Miranda-Mariano.

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Ho-Chunk Nation Police Dept. building project nearing completion

Kathleen Roberts Staff Writer

Commercial Construction Administrator Luke
Georgeson has been overseeing all aspects of the construction work from start to near finish of the tribal police department and the child support enforcement agency in Black River Falls.

They broke ground mid-October 2013 but, due to the cold weather, work crews have had some delays. Georgeson explained how the frozen ground slows down and prohibits drilling progress to finish the geothermal heating system. The geothermal heating system is located throughout both the police department section of the building and the child support offices. This system will efficiently heat and cool both facilities. However, there is a difference in one area - the water heater located in the child support facility is electrically powered while the water heater serving the police department will operate by the geothermal system.

When entering the front doors of the new building, Georgeson pointed out ceiling vents and electrical wiring installed to serve the present facility plans. These systems are capable of upgrades for service for a possible second-story if changes occur later within this building.

"Right now," he explained,

"there are budget and construction restraints."

The electrical, plumbing, heating and cooling systems are all capability of supporting a second level in the future. Conduit for a generator is already in place for the upper level, as an example of what may be needed for expansion. Also, an elevator shaft and stairway area have been included in the construction for future changes.

"Entry to the child support reception office was changed from the original plans," Georgeson noted.

Visitors from another tribal agency had toured the facility and mentioned their building had separate, outside entrances for safety, security and optimal access. Their comment encouraged modification of the plan.

Instead of having one main entry for both departments, separate entry ways were built for each department. The reception office (staff) will be in an enclosed area with bullet-proof glass, just beyond the outside door entry way. The rest of the department construction includes a waiting room, break room, work file room, conference room, restrooms, janitor room and six offices.

Between both departments is a large room dedicated entirely for surveillance equipment. For this security system and in connection with the

surveillance room, Georgeson estimated there will be approximately four exterior cameras and about 12 interior cameras. These cameras will scan and record both the grounds outside of the building and the interior of the building. The room also has an area for security to review surveillance tapes and work with the equipment.

The police department has a connecting doorway which goes directly into the court-room. The corridor between the police department and courtroom is estimated to be 12 to 15 feet long. The police department's outside entry, at the front of the building, has a reception or intake office nearby with bullet-resistant glass.

Other rooms include offices, surveillance and dispatch rooms set up with several work stations, a conference room with connections ready for two smart boards. Oneway glass will be installed in the interview room. Georgeson explained how important the lighting is to ensure the glass functions properly.

Next to the interview room is the evidence intake and processing room. In this area, countertops are to be installed around the perimeter of the entire room for processing all evidence that comes into the building. Evidence lockers for secure storage are located in



The entry into the new police facility from the existing court building is currently sealed but will provide a convenient, continuous structure when finished.

conjunction to the processing room.

On the east side of the building is the vehicle evidence storage. Next to the vehicle evidence bay are two garages for maintenance and washing of police vehicles. This garage has in-floor heating.

The police department will also have an equipment room, a secure area for the gun and ammo safe, locker room, shower and restroom for the officers.

The exterior of the building will match the existing building, Georgeson said. This was somewhat of a task because the original building specifications book did not have reference to what type of brick was used. However, the color,

texture, finish and size will match, as they were able to find the correct specifications for the brick. Concrete work will extend about 10 feet from the doors and building, while blacktop will cover the parking area.

The new building has not yet received a name, but the Language department is working on signs for the various rooms. These room names will be displayed in both English and Ho-Chunk language to continue the motif similar to the other portions of the building.

Police Chief, Earl Lemieux said he is anxious to begin the move into the new facility. He is very glad to have more room for his office and for the entire department.

Open house held for new energyefficient Dells Dam Community Center

Ken Luchterhand Staff Writer

A bright new, cheery center awaits the residents of the Dells Dam area.

An open house was held on Wednesday, March 26, for the new Dells Dam Community Center

The Dells Dam area is in Clark County, slightly north of Hatfield and is south of Highway 95 along the east bank of the Black River. The new community center is on Bush Road, midway between Resewood Avenue and Clark Avenue.

Present to answer questions or to give a brief tour were Mark Butterfield, director of Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA), and Ronald Lambert, the senior project manager with Standing Stone Design, Inc.

"A number of people grew up in the Dells Dam area and moved away," Butterfield said. "But they still have ties to the area. This community center will be ideal for getting families together for social events."

Some of the social events include reunions, birthdays, graduation celebrations, weddings and funerals.

Standing Stone Design, Inc., began designing the building in March of 2012, with construction starting in June of 2013. Standing Stone Design is a 100-percent Indian-owned architectural design firm based in Brookfield, Wis.

The Dells Dam Community

Building is 3,000 square feet and roughly 54' x 67'.

The building contains a vestibule, classroom, men's toilet, women's toilet, serving kitchen, janitor closet, gathering room, fitness room, storage room, and mechanical room with a secondary mechanical room at attic level.

"There is a geo-thermal heating and cooling system, solar water heat with photo-voltaic panels on the southern roof, a masonry mass stone wall with ventilation to release the built up heat energy from the sun into the room, a long southern overhang to help reduce the solar heat gain in the summer and allow heat gain with the low winter sun." Lambert said. "We also included lots of natural light into the building to help reduce the need for artificial lighting. All mechanical and electrical systems incorporate energy efficient fixtures and equipment throughout including low energy consuming long-lasting LED lighting.

"The original idea for the community center was developed 15 to 20 years ago from the strategic plan when Chris straight was the planning director," HHCDA Modernization Development Director Neil Whitegull said. "He worked with the local com-



The new Dells Dam Community building is located on Bush Road and will provide ample space for social activities.

munities and the Dells Dam residents"

HHCDA proposed the idea to the legislature for an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG), to be used for the building, based on community listening sessions sponsored by HHCDA. The Nation authorized HHC-DA to apply for the grant for the building and the grant was awarded. The land was recently put into trust and is owned by the U.S. government held for the Ho-Chunk Nation. The building is the Nation's building, and HHCDA was the grant coordinator and administered the contract for

construction, Whitegull said. "The Dells Dam / Clark County Ho-Chunk Nation community was instrumental in developing the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) proposal, which was successful in securing \$600,000 in HUD capital funding for the project, matched with \$150,000 from the Nation," HHCDA Grants Writer Paul Tysse said.

"The community hosted three separate community meetings, attended by HH-CDA planning staff. The meetings were extremely well attended, with 15-25 Nation members at each, and everything from selection of the site to building design components were thoroughly discussed and decided at the meetings," Tysse said.



The Dells Dam Community Center has a spacious meeting area, which has plenty of window area for natural lighting. The stone back wall provides heat retention from the sun.

Ho-Chunk Nation TOB & House of Wellness employees to

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Bronson Koenig #24

and the Wisconsin Badgers for reaching the final four

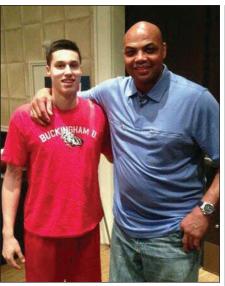


Congratulations to Bronson Koenig from Ho-Chunk Executive building employees cheering during a Tailgate party.



Congratulations from House of Wellness.





Bronson Koenig and Charles Barkley sports fans'



Justice department's Sue Thompson does the Tail Gate party justice by dressing to the T in team spirit.



Two and four that's Bronson's number shown by his nieces Jaeleigh Blackdeer (left) and Jazmine Grey Owl.



Blue Wing community gardeners plan to restore culture and health

Kathleen Roberts Staff Writer

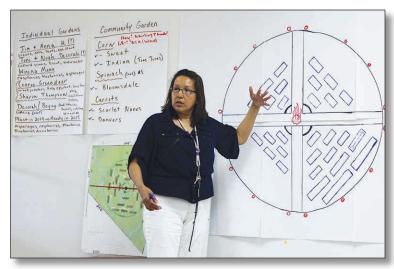
On Monday, April 7, gardeners gathered at Blue Wing in Tomah. The meeting was held to continue plans for a community garden. Melanie Stacy, project leader, brought numerous seed packets purchased at Seed Savers, a reliable source for heirloom seeds. Booklets and planting charts were also provided for the group to view. Stacy is one of several dedicated people educating community members of the importance of growing healthy, organic food for sustainability.

Garden enthusiasts have been meeting since February. However, anyone interested can join the group for plant-

ing, maintaining and later harvesting the garden. Once the Blue Wing garden is established, the group hopes to support other communities to start growing their own chemical free, nutrient enriched vegetables, herbs and fruits. From the Ho-Chunk Education department, Woody White is specifically involved with Blue Wing's gardening project as organic garden consultant. Bill Halfman, University of Wisconsin Extension program, offers his skills as a master gardener. With their knowledge and support, organic gardening will be part of restoring Ho-Chunk culture and health.

Along with Conrad Greendeer's blueprint of the garden design, other charts were displayed at the meeting. Stacy had names of those interested in developing, planting and maintaining the community garden. Timing is important to ensure the seeds and plants have their optimum growing season. Stacy announced the schedule of when building of the raised-planting beds will begin, and when planting will

On April 22, Earth Day, the group plans to have a blessing of the garden at Blue Wing. Those interested should attend to learn more about the project. A meal will be served; group members are to bring a dish to pass. For more information, meetings are on Monday's at Blue Wing starting at



Melanie Stacy describes the Blue Wing garden raised-beds.

5:30 p.m. More information is also available on Facebook;

Friends of the Blue Wing Community Garden.

HCN Department of Education:

Strengthening the Nation

Adrienne L. Thunder, Executive Director

Over the past two years, the Department of Education has worked towards strengthening the Nation through its people and supporting educational efforts at all levels. Education as a nation-building exercise of sovereignty is an idea that has steadily gained traction in Indian education over the past forty years with the understanding that tribal nations possess the keys to their own growth and development. Native scholars have set out an agenda for using education to achieve specific purposes in their nations' continuing efforts to build on successes and find solutions to emerging challenges.

The direction of the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education has been developed with the concept of nation building in mind, a concept the Native Nations Institute at the University of Arizona defines as the ability of tribal nations "to increase their capacities for self-rule and for self-determined, sustainable community and economic development" and address the challenges common to all Native nations:

- how to build effective, sovereign governments;
- how to develop vigorous economies that fit their circumstances and cultures;
- how to solve difficult social problems;
- how to achieve their own

objectives in interaction with other governments;

- how to manage their environment and natural resources:
- how to balance change and cultural continuity

The approach is also about sustaining the unique cultural and socioeconomic needs of each nation, training future leaders, and creating and implementing sustainable solutions (NNI website: http://nni.arizona.edu/whoweare/whatis.php).

As a more immediate concern, the Department is especially mindful of the recent plans for expansion of our business ventures. We have reached out to the Department of Labor, the Department of Business, and some of the key management personnel to ascertain the employment needs in the near future associated with the expansion and assist in finding educational opportunities for current staff who wish to gain the educational background for these positions or potential staff who may be in the educational pipeline already. This effort is in addition to the continued effort by the His Education Division to touch base with each Executive Director to track the high needs areas of employment within the Nation. These needs are then relayed to students who are interested in internship, scholarship, and employment opportunities with the Nation.

Within the Department, we have made significant changes to advance our nation building effort. The Higher Education Division has been remade in the last few years. In the FY 12-13 budget, the Legislature generously offered its support to the Department's request to re-establish the Higher **Education Division Manager** position, add a three-person advising unit (which has since grown to five and covers Pre-College/Recruitment, Academic and Career advising), and grant funding towards the reinvention of the internship program. These additions were made in order to create a system of support for students and increase retention and graduation. More importantly, the added staff help students use the resources available through their institutions to gain the most from their college education and experiences and help them bring their acquired knowledge and skills back to the Nation, should they choose to do so. The Division has been on the road for a number of outreach programs in recent months, including informational booths at District meetings, Pre-College Workshops, and College Readiness Workshops, to increase access

and parents. The School-Community Relations Division, home of the JOM and PreK-12 grant programs, is also involved in these efforts through helping individual students and their parents identify and achieve their educational goals. Johnson O'Malley (JOM) is designed to support the education of Native students by utilizing JOM grant funds to supplement their regular school curriculum with cultural programming parents choose. Further, through JOM, parent committees offer educational support and incentives for students and utilize administrative support funding to cover meeting and

to this assistance for students

other program expenses. The PreK-12 Grant Program covers a multitude of essential and supplemental education requests. The Division is developing a planning guide to help parents use both the JOM and PreK-12 Grant program to design long-range, strategic activities to develop students' strengths, interests, and skills that will prepare them for options beyond high school.

Several new initiatives in development will support building capacity in the future:

- Partnership with UW-Eau Claire and the development of the Ho-Chunk Living-Learning Community is geared towards specifically addressing the cultural and economic needs of the Nation. The Ho-Chunk Living-Learning community will emphasize the value and perpetuation of our language and culture with opportunities for students to learn in both while working towards their academic and professional goals. Working with UW-Eau Claire and Chippewa Valley Technical College, this partnership will support Ho-Chunk students (both traditional-aged and nontraditional) in two-year and four-year programs of study to achieve their academic, social, cultural and professional pursuits. The Ho-Chunk Living-Learning Community is slated to open
- Fall 2015. • The ITA-Tribal Technology Institute at UW-Madison is a precollege program that teaches students (who may begin the program as sophomores or juniors) broad uses of technology, from the function of the hardware to the wide array of software applications (ranging from word processing and spreadsheets to video production and app development), along with academic and leadership skills that will help them achieve success in college. Students who maintain a 2.75 GPA throughout the program may

be eligible for a scholarship through the PEOPLE Program at UW-Madison, which will pay tuition throughout their four years (as long as the student maintains their eligibility). Several meetings have occurred with ITA-TTI already, with the initial goal of starting the program in Fall

• UW-Green Bay First Nations Studies and Education Studies are beginning talks on how to increase opportunities for Ho-Chunk educators and administrators. Over the last 25 years, the Nation has expressed its desire for early childhood education, immersion schools, and a tribal college as means for developing the talents and abilities of our students in a culturally responsive, Ho-Chunk-specific environment. The challenge has been to create a sustainable system to support the Nation's own educational efforts in both teaching and administering a school or system. This proposed partnership could lead to educating and training future teachers and administrators from the Nation to fulfill its educational aspirations, and ultimately, its economic, social and cultural ones as well.

These efforts and more are undertaken with the goal of broadening and strengthening the human potential of the Nation. They include all levels of education and collaborative partnerships with multiple institutions and agencies and, of course, students, parents, and our communities. We are working hard to ensure there are opportunities for students to formulate, implement, and achieve their educational and professional goals while creating connections between students and cultural activities and instruction. All of this builds the strength and capacity of the Ho-Chunk Nation to continue its growth and development – culturally, socially, and economically.



Wisconsin's Tornado & Severe Weather Awareness Week - April 21-25, 2014 Listen, Act and Live!

Submitted by Tod Pritchard, lions of dollars in damage. State Of Wisconsin, Division of Emergency Management

Listen, Act and Live! Those words could protect you and your family during severe storm season. Listening to warnings and seeking shelter immediately will save lives. That's why Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM), ReadyWisconsin, the National Weather Service (NWS) and the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association (WBA) have teamed up for Wisconsin's Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week April 21-25,

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• In 2013, 16 tornadoes touched down in Wisconsin including six during the night and early morning hours of August 6-7 when an EF2 struck near New London in Waupaca and Outagamie counties. That tornado injured two residents and caused mil-

• In 2012, only 4 tornadoes were reported in Wisconsin by the NWS. The strongest tornado hit near Patch Grove in Grant County on September 4. No fatalities or injuries were reported.

• In 2011, 38 tornadoes in Wisconsin were confirmed by the NWS, the fourth highest number on record. On August 19, a man was killed when a tornado with winds of 105 mph struck Marinette County.

• The peak tornado season in Wisconsin is April to August, but tornadoes can occur any time of year, like the January 7, 2008 storms near Kenosha.

2014 Tornado and Severe **Weather Awareness Drill Scheduled for Thursday April 24, 2014**

The 2014 Tornado Drill will consist of a mock tornado watch and a mock tornado warning for all of Wisconsin. This is a great opportunity for your school, business and



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community to practice your emergency plans.

DRILL SCHEDULE:

1:00 p.m. – National Weather Service issues a mock tornado watch for all of Wisconsin (a watch means tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms).

1:45 p.m. - National

Weather Service issues mock tornado warning for all of Wisconsin (a warning means a tornado has been sighted or indicated on weather radar. Move to a safe place immediately).

2:00 p.m. – End of mock tornado watch/warning drill

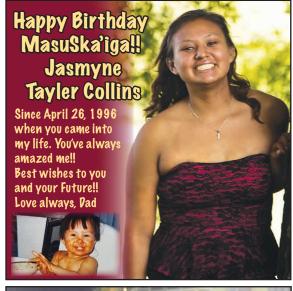
The tornado drill will take place even if the sky is cloudy, dark and/or rainy. If actual severe storms are expected in the state on Thursday, April 24, the tornado drill will be postponed until Friday, April 25 with the same times. If severe storms are possible Friday, the drill will be cancelled. Residents will be notified of any changes through local media as well as the ReadyWisconsin web page, Facebook and Twitter.

Most local and state radio, TV and cable stations will be participating in the drill. Television viewers and radio station listeners will hear a message at 1:45 p.m. indicating that "This is a test." The mock tornado warning will last about one minute on radio and TV stations across Wisconsin and when the test is finished, stations will return to normal programming.

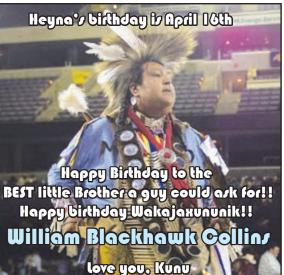
In addition, alerts for both the mock tornado watch and warning will be issued over NOAA weather radios. Be sure your weather radio is turned on for this test. If the alarm on your weather radio does not go off for this test, check your weather radio's programming and quality of reception.

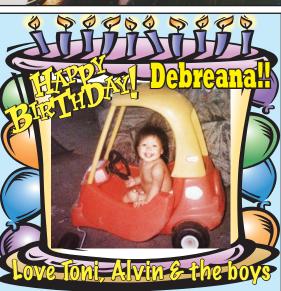
This is a great opportunity for you to practice your tornado emergency plan with family, friends, and co-workers. Schools will also participate in the drill. During storm season - follow this message: Listen, Act and Live. Don't ignore watches and warnings. Listen and take action. Every second counts. Don't wait... go to a safe place right away!

The drill will also occur at the same time in Minnesota and will be broadcast on radio and TV stations in that state as well.











In Loving Memory of

Hoke L Maisells

May 18, 1931 - March 23, 2014

Hoke cared deeply for his family and was married to Delia (DeCorah) for 58 beautiful years. He was a well-known artist in the Milwaukee area and face painter on the pow wow trail. He proudly served our country in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. Hoke will be missed by all that have known him.

On behalf of Delia, Claire (Cameron, Emily, Katelyn and Devin) and Joy Maisells we would like to thank all of those that have sent their prayers and sympathy during our time of grieving.



Community Development Agency

GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY MEETS WITH LEGISLATURE AND CALLS FOR ACTION ON OUTSTANDING PER CAPITA RESOLUTIONS

On March 18, 2014, the General Council Agency met with the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature to request action on four outstanding resolutions passed by General Council that have not been acted on by the Legislature. Under the Constitution when a resolution is requesting reversal of Legislative actions, this resolution must be returned to the Legislature for reconsideration. HCN Constitution Art. IV, 3(b), "The General Council retains the power to review and reverse action the Legislature except those enumerated in Section 4 of the Article. The General Council shall return such reversals to the Legislature for reconsideration consistent with the action of General Council.'

The purpose of this meeting is to get Legislative action on these outstanding resolutions. General Council Agency asked the Legislature to take action. Representative Henning Garvin made a motion to refer the resolutions

to the Attorney General, Sheila Corbine, and Legislative Counsel, Michael Murphy for review.

Below a brief summary of the

Per Capita Resolution 10-23-04 F

This resolution prohibits the reduction of per capita payment from that amount that it was set in 2004, which addressed a resolution by the Legislature to reduce future per capita distributions for February 2005

Per Capita Increase 2004 Resolution 10-11-03-A

This resolution provides that General Council mandates the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation to amend the Nation's Per Cap Ordinance, increasing the distribution to four thousand (\$4,000) dollars in each individual per cap distribution.

Resolution 10-11-03N This resolution requests the

Legislature to amend Sections 5, 7, and 9 of the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance and any other

relevant section in order to provide that the per capita distributions be made on the first day of each month of the calendar year. This resolution is a request to amend the per capita distribution ordinance 5, 7, and 9. have an obligation to consider revisions to section 5, 7, and 9 of the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance.

Resolution 10-21-00D This General Council resolution provides for distribution of \$1000 per month starting in 2001. This resolution by implication is a request for an amendment to the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance, which is within the power of General Council under the Constitution Art IV, 3(b).

General Council Agency has been researching General Council Resolutions that need action by the Legislature, and will continue to advocate for action on any outstanding resolutions as they are identified. If you are aware of any outstanding resolutions passed at General Council and not acted on, then please bring those to the attention of General Council Agency.

The Legislature had a quorum with 13 Legislators present at the meeting held at the Ho-Chunk Nation Convention Center, Baraboo, Wisconsin. General Council Agency members present at the meeting were Chair, Marvin Decorah, Sr.; Vice-Chair, Muriel Whiteagle-Lee; Madison Alternate, Joy Thompson; Wisconsin Rapid Alternate, Celena Twinn; LTE-Advocate, Parr Decorah; Deputy Advocate, Wendy Running Horse; Attorney, John Swimmer. General Council

Agency will provide updates at Area Meetings through Agents as the information becomes available. If you have any questions, please contact your GCA Agent or the Office of General Council.

General Council Agency will also be providing comment on the Per Capita Ordinance. GCA will ask any amendments to include the policy provisions of the above resolutions be included in any revision. Please refer to the GČA website hochunkvoice.com and Worak for more information in the coming weeks on these resolutions and more. GCA will keep you informed as additional progress is made.

SUMMONS (First Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of Wisconsin, Petitioner, v. Nikki S. Thundercloud,

Case : CS 14-15

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Nikki S.Thundercloud

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order is now served upon you by publication. Your written Answer to the Petition must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this Summons. You may request a hearing within your written response. See Recognition of Foreign Child Support Orders Ordinance, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your Answer to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely Answer in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the

enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. Id., § 2.6c.
The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS (First Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Gundersen Clinic, Ltd, Petitioner, v. Rebecca E. Nambo,

Case : CG 14-17

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Rebecca E. Nambo

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Respondent.

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SUMMONS (First Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Malory Towell, Petitioner, v. Ricky L. Allen, Respondent. Case : CS 14-18

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Ricky L. Allen

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SUMMONS (First Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of Wisconsin, Petitioner, v. Elan WhiteEagle, Respondent. Case: CS 14-12

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Elan WhiteEagle

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General Council Update on Resolutions passed at 2013 General Council Meeting

General Council Agency is working hard to get the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution amended to remove the Secretarial Election requirement from the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. As you may recall, the current Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution requires approval from the federal government before the people can amend the Constitution. This resolution removes that requirement from the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation-Art XIII. Under current federal law popularly known as the Indian Reorganization Act (Wheeler -Howard Act) 25 U.S.C §§ 461-479, any current amendment of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution must have approval of the Secretary of the Interior before it can proceed. After approval by the Secretary of Interior, then a federal election is held according to 25 CFR Part 81, which provides the election happens under federal supervision according the regulations set forth by the United States Congress.

General Council Agency met with the Legislature within 30 days of passage of the resolution after General Council to discuss how to implement this resolution. It was mutually agreed at this meeting that General Council Agency ("GCA") was to proceed with getting a Secretarial Election as soon as possible. GCA formally put the request to the Bureau of Indian Affairs asking for an election as soon as possible. This resolution is at the BIA getting technical comments and legal review from the Solicitor General's Office. The resolution has been there since November 12, 2013 awaiting action.

GCA has meeting scheduled with Senator Al Franken of Minnesota and Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin to get legislative support for this removal of the federal government so that the Ho-Chunk Nation as a sovereign nation may amend its constitution according to the will of its citizens without this federal approval process. GCA has also reached out to the Oneida to discuss the process since they have a similar resolution pending before the BIA.

This resolution passed by a vote of 829 votes in favor and 342 against with 123 abstentions. The total vote was 1,294.

This resolution proposes Amend the Constitution as fol-

Proposed Language Article XIII, Section 1 and 2 Section 1. Requirements. This

Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation voting at an election called for the purpose by the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, by the Secretary of Interior, provided, that at least thirty (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall in such election.;but no amendment shall become effective until approved by the Secretary of the Interior or until deemed approved by the Secretary of the Interior by operation of law. If the voters adopt the amendment(s) the Secretary of the Interior shall approve such amendment(s) within forty-five days after the election unless the amendments(s) are contrary to applicable law.

The Legislature has funded Resolution 9/28/2013-3, a resolution to increase disbursement from \$100 to \$150 for participating in General Council. This is a resolution to increase the stipend for attending General Council, which increased the stipend to \$150. General Council Agency has already met with the Legislature and had funding approved to increase the General Council funding so that each member will receive \$150 at the next General Council meeting.

Resolution 9/28/2013-5, a resolution to amend the Constitution in the event that both the offices of the President and Vice-President are vacant. GCA has also submitted this resolution to the BIA and is awaiting technical and legal review from the BIA.

Here is the proposed language of this resolution: Article IX Section 9(e) In the event both the Office of the President and Vice-President becomes vacant, the Representative currently serving in the Legislature who has served the longest, shall immediately call a special meeting of the Legislature for the purpose of selecting from its remaining members a Vice-President, pro tempore to serve pursuant to this Article.

Resolution 9/28/2013-6, a resolution to amend the Constitution eliminating the General Council from the disenrollment process. GCA has also submitted this resolution to the BIA and is awaiting technical and legal review from the BIA. This resolution was brought by Christine Jendersak and seconded by Vickie Broweagle. The resolution passed by a vote of 625 in favor, 613 against with 59 abstentions. The total vote for this resolution is 1,297.

Here is the Proposed Language Article XIII, Section 1 and 2

Membership Code. The Legislature shall have the power to enact laws not inconsistent with this Article to govern membership. Removal of any person who is not eligible for membership from the Membership Roll shall be done in accordance with the Membership Code., provided, that such removal is approved by at least two third (2/3) vote of the General Council. Removal of any person from the Membership Roll shall be determined by the Judiciary. The rule of law shall be applied based on the evidence and DNA evidence. All decisions of the Judiciary shall be final.

Resolution 9/28/2013-8 a resolution requesting that the Legislature establish a Section 17 Corporate Charter. This Legislature has already approved a resolution establishing a charter for the corporation. The Legislature recently met in March and is in the process of appointing board members to serve on the corporations.

Resolution 9/28/2013-10, a resolution to amend the Ho-Chunk Policies and Procedures and hiring practices. This resolution provides job protections to Directors and Executive who are not appointed by the President and approved by the Legislature. These employees will have the same job protection as all other employees. The HCN Personnel department is presently following this resolution. Rose Walker brought this resolution forward and it was seconded by Carol Rockman. This resolution had 824 votes in favor, 354 against, and 73 abstentions. The total votes were 1,251.

Resolution 9/28/2013-13, a resolution to make binding policy that defines malfeasance and mandates that the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution be absolutely adhered. This resolution defines malfeasance and provides a clear and convincing standard to removal proceedings. This resolution is effective immediately and will apply to all future General Council removal proceedings. This resolution was brought by Carol Rockman brought this resolution, and it was seconded by Loa Porter.

GCA will continue to update tribal citizens on these resolutions as information becomes available at Area Meeting, through the Worak, GCA meetings, and a written update will be available at the upcoming General Council.



\$1,200 PRIZE PACKAGE 6PM I SUNDAY APRIL 20

Calling all hilarious Ho-Chunks for the first ever CRW Production's People of the Big Laugh Comedy Contest. If you are an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and you think you're funny, register today to take the spotlight on April 20th for the chance to compete and win CRW Productions \$1,200 Prize package and the crown for funniest Ho-Chunk.

> FOR COMPLETE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER VISIT WWW.CRWPRODUCTIONS.COM



Must be 21 years or older to attend. Limited to the first 25 enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation participants. Preliminary dates subject to cancellation or change based on interest and participation. This a CRW Production event. Employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation are eligible to compete. Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls is not responsible for registering, judging or awarding participants.





Co-ed Volleyball Tournament

Black River **Black River Falls High School** Registration from 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM Falls, Wi. Tournament Starts at 9:00 AM Sharp! USA

Team registration fee: \$150, All team members must provide a VALID tribal I.D.

Teams that are registered and paid by April 18 will get a T-shirt. Individuals can order T-shirts for \$10, must also be paid by April 18.

For more information contact Katie Funmaker at katie.Funmaker@ho-chunk.com or 715-896-5452

\$1,200 1st Place 2nd Place \$900 **3rd Place** \$600 Furthest Traveled \$200

SEX TRAFFICKING 1n INDIAN COUNTRY



A discussion on adult and child sex trafficking in Indian Country and the impact it has on our people and surrounding communities.



Who should attend? Social service workers, healthcare workers, law enforcement, educators, and community members.



8:30 A.M. Registration

9:00 A.M. Historical Trauma—Stephanie Lozano, CSW Indian Child Welfare Coordinator—SW

Native American historical trauma

10:00 A.M. Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition

Nicole Matthews & Guadalupe Lopez Sex trafficking awareness—Garden of Truth report

NOON Lunch (on own)

2:00 P.M.

WI DOJ Special Agent, Debra Strauss

Wisconsin trafficking awareness

Grant Snyder Minneapolis Police Department Discussing juvenile trafficking

WI DOJ Special Agent, Bryan Kastelic 3:30 P.M. The relationship between drug abuse and sex trafficking

5:00 P.M.

Monday, April 14, 2014 Ho-Chunk Gaming Baraboo, Lower Dells Ball Room

A block of rooms have been reserved for your convenience.

Please Contact

Wehuh Mike-Helgesen, Project Manager 715-284-2622 ext. 5176 Catie DalCerro, Program Manager 715-284-2622 ext. 5111

Sponsored by: the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services **Domestic Abuse Division**

Child & Family Services Division

NOTICE

Black River Falls Title VII Public Hearing Thursday, April 24, 2014

5:30 - 7:00 pm

District 1 Community Center N7160 Low Cloud Road, BRF

All parents, guardians, and legal custodians of Native American students in the BRF school district are invited to attend. We invite your input into next year's grant.

April is Alcohol awareness month and the Behavior Health department will be planning Awareness walks in different Ho-Chunk communities:

- April 11th in Wittenburg 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
- April 16th in Baraboo at House of Wellness 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
- April 17th in Lacrosse at Three rivers Building 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
- April 25th in Tomah 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and Nekoosa 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
- April 28th in Black River Falls 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. **Substance Abuse Counselor**

House of Wellness, S2845 White Eagle Rd., Baraboo, WI 53913 (608) 355-1240 Ext.5567 • Joseph.Whiteeagle@Ho-chunk.com

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Committee on Tribal Enrollment has the following vacancies:

District 3 - 1 Position

District 5 - 2 Positions

Length of Term: 4 years from date of Legislative Appointment

Candidate must reside in the District at the time of selection until the term limit ends, unless a redistricting change supersedes a member from the redistricted district.

To qualify you must meet the following:

- Enrolled Ho-Chunk Tribal Member
- Be at least twenty-five (25) years of age
- Never been convicted of a felony in any tribal, state or federal court and;
- Cannot be determined to be incompetent by a court

All interested Tribal Members should attend their District Area Meeting. Members are selected by eligible voters of

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT THE OFFICE OF TRIBAL ENROLLMENT 800-331-7824 OR 715-284-7824.

ROCK THE WALK APRIL IS



Show you support in the fight to end sexual violence!

Walk anytime between the hours of 9:30 A.M. — 2:30 P.M.

April 25, 2014 House of Wellness Baraboo

Tribal Office Building **Black River Falls** April 30, 2014







Sponsored by: the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services Domestic Abuse Division CRISIS HOTLINE: (877) 847-8689

The Mobile Clinic will resume regular services on Wednesday 4/16/14 in Tomah and Thursday 4/24 in Nekoosa.

We apologize for any inconvenience. Remember to call (715) 284-9851 or 1-888-685-4422 to schedule appointments.

Reminder: The Mobile Clinic is for children 0-19 years. We offer well-child exams, sick child visits, sport physicals, immunizations, etc.

Schedule:

La Crosse: 1st Wednesdays – 10:00am-3:00pm

Ni Tani Hocira/Three Rivers House 724 Main Street. La Crosse, WI 54601

Wittenberg: 2nd Wednesdays –
10:00am-3:00pm
Paccinak/Community Center

N7240 U.S. Hwy 45, Wittenberg, WI **Tomah:** 3rd Wednesdays – 10:00am-3:00pm Ahu co/Blue Wing Community Center

310 Epinal Ave, Tomah, WI

Nekoosa: 4th Thursdays – 10:00am-3:00pm

Former Nekoosa Clinic 315 1st St., Nekoosa, WI

To schedule appointments call: (715) 284-9851 • 1-888-685-4422

MEETING NOTICE

DISTRICT 5

CHICAGO AREA MEETING

Monday, April 14, 2014 - 6:00 p.m. Chicago Branch Office 5744 W. Irving Park Road Chicago, IL 60634

ST. PAUL AREA MEETING

Thursday, April 14, 2014 - 6:00 p.m. St. Paul Branch Office 1724 Shelby Ave. St. Paul, MN 55104



New Name Retiring "D1CC"



District 1 Community Center is sponsoring a naming contest to name the new Community Center. All entries must be in by Tuesday, July 1, 2014. Winning entry will receive \$50.

Contact: Melissa or Levi At District One Community Center (715)-284-0905



April 2014

Date Topic

April 3 Community Member Sharing their Story

April 17 Carbohydrate Counting

The Diabetes Learning Circle is a morning presentation and breakfast designed to provide people with information regarding diabetes prevention and management. Anyone is welcome to attend but we ask that you register for a seat.

The program is from 8:30-9:15 each scheduled day in the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center Conference Classroom. A nutritious breakfast is served during the program. (Topics are subject to change).

For more information or to register contact: Kathy Braaten, Community Health Nutritionist, 715-284-9851 ext. 5335



Notice of Monthly Meeting

HHCDA

Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency

(HUD Housing)

Thursday, April 17th, 2014, at 6:00 PM

HHCDA Office in Tomah (Corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue). Agenda items by noon on Thursday, April 10th, to the Board Secretary at 608-374-1245, extension 222.

THUNDERCLOUD YOUTH GOLF ACADEMY

Now Recruiting Players

Lessons will be given to those that are interested in learning the game of golf. There will be specific criteria that must be met to receive a scholarship.

Available scholarships to include:

- Custom golf clubs
- Golf bag
- Shoes
- Golf balls and tees
 - Rounds of golf / tournaments

The academy will teach you golf techniques as well as etiquette, sportsmanship and patience.

For more information please contact Quentin or Andy at:

Andy Thundercloud

Phone: 608-387-2640 ndngolfguy@netscape.net

Quentin Thundercloud 24402 Dexter Ave. Tomah, WI 54660

Phone: 608-372-9558

qthundercloud@centurylink.net

Tristan Yellowcloud honored as Outstanding Agriculture Student

Ken Luchterhand Staff Writer

Tristan YellowCloud was selected as the Outstanding Agriculture Student for 2014 at Neillsville High School.

He is the son of John and Tris Harris and the late Donald YellowCloud. Tristan's brothers and sisters include Mitchell, Kimberly, Crystal, Jada and Nataly.

Tristan was recognized for the honor at the annual FFA Awards Banquet for Wood and Clark counties, which was held March 10 in Marshfield.

Tristan was selected for the honor by Amy Gerhardt, the Neillsville Junior and High School agriculture instructor.

"Tristan was selected because he has taken every agriculture class offered during his six years here," Gerhardt said. "He's very active in FFA, participating in chapter fundraising, community service projects and showing beef cattle at the fair."

His FFA involvement has been extensive. In fact, he just got back from the annual event, the 54th Annual Agricultural Technology Contest at University of Wisconsin-River Falls on Mar. 29.

He's also been an active worker with the Adopt-A-Highway program, cleaning the designated roadsides each spring and fall.

He also likes to work at the local American Legion building, helping to set up and clean the building as a community service project.

"He has stuck with FFA – he's there for the long haul. Some people come and go and just in it for the fun, but

Tristan is there through it all," she said. "He has taken every ag class offered and has earned amazing grades."

Although Tristan has accomplished a lot during his years in agriculture education, he doesn't like to tell everyone about it.

"He's humble – a man of few words," Gerhardt said. "He doesn't boast."

Although he doesn't live on a farm, his grandfather (Donald Harris) does, and he lives a short distance from Tristan and his family. Tristan spends a lot of time there, feeding and watering the cattle. And whenever he is on the farm, it seemed like a natural fit, he said. Tristan mostly enjoys working with animals, in particular beef cattle.

Since Tristan is a senior at Neillsville High school,



Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Secretary Ben Brancel poses with Tristan YellowCloud at the annual FFA Awards Banquet on March 10 in Marshfield.

graduating in May, he has his sights set on attending classes at University of Wisconsin – Wood County, Marshfield campus. He plans on majoring in Business Management. His goal is to someday manage a vehicle restoration business.

Reyes selected for Japanese exchange program

Kathleen Roberts Staff Writer

Lorraine Reyes, an 8th grader at Wisconsin Dells, Spring Hill middle school is one of approximately ten students selected to travel to Japan this summer. Even though she had worked hard to qualify, she said, "Are you kidding me?" when guidance counselor Mrs. Cummings told her she was selected.

In the acceptance letter the following guidelines were given:

Students must be in good physical health, able to tolerate a different lifestyle and foods. (Lance Tallmadge, a previous chaperone for the exchange program, suggested Lorraine sample the barbeque eel. Anything barbequed is good, right?) Students must commit to educational meetings on Japanese culture and language during the school year. All selected students are expected to attend all educational sessions. Parents will be required to attend two or three meetings with students. The letter also included a Code of Conduct stating: You are visiting a foreign country as a student ambassador of the United States; many people



Lorraine Reyes, 8th grader from Wisconsin Dells, will be traveling to Japan this summer.

you will come in contact with have only you and your group by which to judge American people. You may encounter customs which are different than those you are used to. Courteous and considerate behavior is appreciated by everyone.

To apply and qualify for the program, students were required to write an essay by answering the following questions:

1. Why do you want to go to Japan?

2. Why should you be selected to be a participant in this program?

3. What do you want to learn by traveling to Japan?

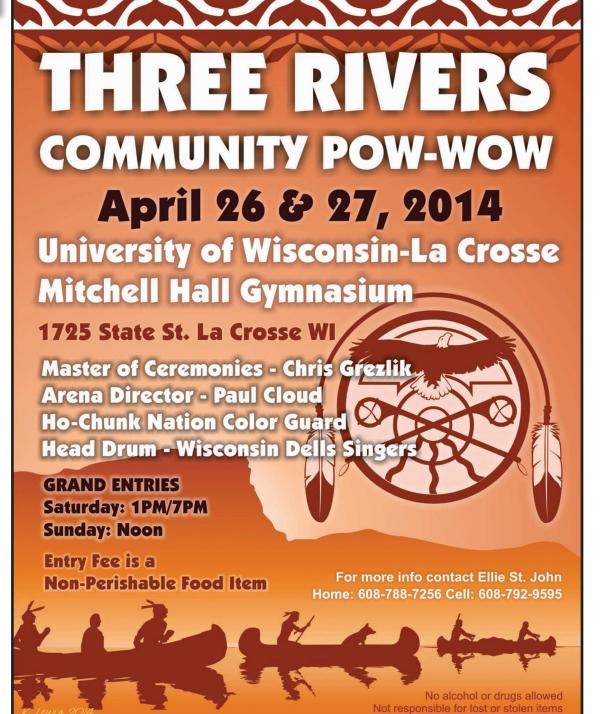
Lorraine said she loves reading and writing, so she took the writing task very seriously. Her parents, Carmen and Patricia expressed, "Lorraine wanted her essay to be perfect for this once in a lifetime chance." Patricia proofread her daughter's

writing; Lorraine revised her essay, and had her mother proofread again; together they finished the essential, qualifying product.

The exchange program's itinerary includes: The students will be departing from O'Hare airport on June 25, and they will arrive in Tokyo, then transfer to Kyoto. They will cruise the Hozu River, and will travel to Miyajima Island, where they will en-

joy natural springs, Ryokan. They will visit Morioka for homestays and return to Tokyo. The students will visit castles, shrines, pavilions and temples until the departure date of July 8.

With the helpful support of her parents, Reyes will hold a fundraiser on Friday, April 4 at the House of Wellness from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Blanket dogs and Indian tacos are on the menu for the event.



The Ho-Chunk Nation
Division of Natural
Resources will be giving out
1lb. bag of shelled Indian
corn to tribal members
beginning April 15th - May
31st in the DNR Office
located at the Tribal Office
Building.

(*Limit 1 bag per tribal member)